GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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HALL MARKING OF JEWELLERY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from the jewellers in the country against the Hallmarking scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Hallmarking of gold jewellery scheme is not within the compulsory certification regime of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) since the existing provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 do not enable implementation of such scheme. The jewellers and their associations throughout the country in their representations to the Government have broadly endorsed the proposal to make the Hallmarking of gold jewellery compulsory although they have voiced certain concerns regarding infrastructure etc. In order to facilitate establishing adequate infrastructure in the country,a Scheme is already under implementation to facilitate setting up of Gold Hallmarking & Assaying Centres by extending one time financial assistance @ 15% of cost of machinery and equipment subject to maximum of Rs. 15 lakh per centre for all States except locations of North-East and special category States namely Jammu and Kashmir,Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand for which such financial assistance @ 30% of cost of machinery & equipment subject to maximum of Rs. 30 lakh per centre,is extended to the eligible applicants.